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SUBJECT: CONCLUSIONS SECOND PREPCOM WFC

1. SUMMARY: SECOND MEETING OF WFC PREPCOM FINISHED LATE JUNE 8 BY AGREEING REPORT. MEETING ACCOMPLISHED MAIN OBJECTIVES, BUT ALL MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. IN PRIVATE TALK, USSR OFFICIAL SHOWED SOME INTEREST IN RESERVE PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. SATURDAY UNTIL NEARLY MIDNIGHT SPENT REVIEWING REPORT OF SECOND PREPCOM OF WFC. DEBATE LARGELY ROUTINE. POLAND ATTEMPTED, NOT SUPPORTED BY OTHER CPE COUNTRIES, TO CHANGE "COMMITTEE" SUPPORT FOR MORE AID FOR AGRI-CULTURE IN LDC'S TO "MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES," BUT ABANDONED IT WITHOUT DEFENDING IT AFTER ONSLAUGHT BY UAR AND ALGERIAN DELEGATES. AUSTRALIA, BACKED BY U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CANADA, TRIED TO INSERT REFERENCE TO ASSESSMENT

CONCLUSION THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE ENOUGH GRAIN PRODUCED GLOBALLY OVER NEXT TEN YEARS BUT PROBLEM WOULD BE MOUNTING DEFICITS IN MANY LDC'S BUT DEFEATED AS TOO OPTIMISTIC BY SEVERAL LDC'S AND FRENCH, NO DOUBT WITH CAP IN MIND.

3. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, U.S. ENCOURAGED LDC'S TO RECOGNIZE GLOBAL NATURE OF INTERDEPENDENCE IN GRAIN AND REFER TO NEED TO STUDY SUPPLY ACCESS AS WELL AS MARKET ACCESS BUT THEY UNABLE TO SURMOUNT PAST FIXATIONS AND IT WAS UNFORTUNATELY LEFT TO JAPANESE TO INSERT REFERENCE TO THIS POINT.

4. LDC PROPOSAL TO HAVE "COMMITTEE" CALL ATTENTION TO NEED TO BE GUIDED BY CONCLUSIONS OF RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF GA BLOCKED BY U.S. AND REFERENCE LEFT AS "MOST COUNTRIES."

5. USSR PROPOSED REFER TO IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS IN "INTERNATIONAL DETENTE" TO PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WHICH NOT EXACTLY WITHIN COMPETENCE OF WFC BUT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO OBJECT TO.

6. QUESTION OF PROXY VOTING LEFT FOR ECOSOC.

7. CONSIDERABLY MORE 77 POSITIONS WITH ALGERIAN AS SPOKESMAN THAN IN FIRST PREPCOM BUT ALSO SEVERAL TENTENTIOUS PROPOSALS MADE BY LA BLOC, NOT SUPPORTED BY OTHER GROUPS. NO EVIDENCE OF "NON-ALIGNED" MEETINGS. EC ALSO TOOK NUMEROUS COMMON VIEWS BUT SOME EVIDENCE WEST GERMANY CLOSE TO U.S. POSITION ON ISSUES RELATED TO PRICE STABILIZATION AND STOCKS.

8. PAKISTAN DELEGATE FREQUENTLY HELPFUL TO U.S. POSITIONS, PERHAPS MINDFUL OF RECENT EVENT IN INDIA.

9. CHAIRMAN RYDBECK AND NIGERIAN RAPPORTEUR BOTH

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PERFORMED SUPERBLY IN VIEW OF ALL.

10. SECRETARIAT STAYED IN BACKGROUND BUT MAREI MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO SELL ME HIS STILL VAGUE IDEA FOR UN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND AZIZ DID SAME FOR NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL STOCKS IN ADDITION TO NATIONAL STOCKS AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVE PRICE STABILIZATION. LATTER WAS GIVEN FLAT NO WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM HANNAH AND FORMER NO ENCOURAGEMENT, THOUGH HE CLAIMS HE CAN GET MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ARAB STATES IF MATCHED SOMEHOW.

11. IN COURSE SMALL LUNCH I GAVE FOR B. Y. CHESTNOY OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY AND E. B. KHABUTIN, AGRICULTURAL ACADEMY, FORMER EXPRESSED NEGATIVE VIEW ON ABILITY OF LDC'S TO USE AID, ENDORSED IDEA OF NATIONAL STOCKS BUT VAGUE ON HOW MUCH INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, THOUGHT USSR WOULD NOT JOIN FAO BEFORE WFC, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPRESSING STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT ITS EFFICIENCY, AND SAID THAT AT WFC THAT USSR DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TECHNICAL PEOPLE AT TOP AND POLITICAL ONES IN SECOND RANK. LATTER LIMITED HIMSELF TO TECHNICAL EXCHANGES WITH TUSSEY OF USDA. SAYLOR OF SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE STAFF ALSO WAS PRESENT.

12. AM IN PARIS 10TH AND 11TH, IN BRUSSELS 12TH TO SEE EC COMMISSIONERS, AND RETURNING WASHINGTON 13TH ON PANAM 107.
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